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PERSONAL FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO FROM KUBISCH

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONGRATULATIONS AND COMMENDATION
CONTAINED REFTEL WHICH I CONVEYED TO MONTTY STEARNS AND
MEMBERS OF HIS NEGOTIATING TEAM EARLIER TODAY FOLLOWING
THEIR LAST PLENARY MEETING WITH THE GREEKS. I CONCUR FULLY
THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS THUS FAR HAVE BEEN SKILLFULLY MANAGED
AND ALL OF THEM WERE PLEASED THAT YOU FEEL WE HAVE MET OUR
OBJECTIVES FOR THIS ROUND. I WOULD LIKE ONLY TO ADD
THAT I BELIEVE THAT THE US GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE HAS HANDLED
THE PROBLEM OF THESE BASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE EXCELLENTLY
THUS FAR. WE HAVE BEEN WELL COORDINATED AND THE INSTRUCTIONS
AND GUIDANCE GIVEN BY WASHINGTON TO OUR NEGOTIATING TEAM--
AND THE PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE CONSULTATIONS AND BACKSTOPPING
DURING THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATING PHASE--HAVE BEEN SUPERB.
HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW, WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO AND
A THICKET REplete WITH PITFALLS TO THREAD OUR WAY THROUGH
BEFORE ALL NEGOTIATING ROUNDS ARE FINALLY CONCLUDED. I
HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO OVERSEE OUR EFFORTS PERSONALLY,
FOR IN MY OPINION THAT WILL BE CENTRAL TO OUR SUCCESS.
BEST REGARDS.
KUBISCH

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